



IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) met on September 11, 2015, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

New Board Members. Carole Lund-Smith will be representing the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy as Director Judy Bradshaw's representative. Samantha Brear will be leaving the Board as she is taking a job to be the E911 Surcharge Fund program assistant. She is currently with Polk County Emergency Management.

Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). Coordinator Craig Allen reported:

- Efforts are underway to grow committee representation within all 99 counties. Region 1 held their first Interoperability Workshop in Polk County. Rob Dehnert of WestCom has been named the RIC (regional interoperable committee) chair for Region 1 and vice-chair is Jason Huffman from Carroll County.
- The FirstNet process is moving slowly and at this point there are still more questions than answers. There have been vendors approaching states and suggesting they have technologies that would be better than FirstNet. However, those claims need to be carefully examined and nothing less than Public Safety Grade should be considered in Iowa.
- A SCIP (Secure Communication Interoperable Protocol) review will be held on October 14 after the regular board meeting to review goals for the strategic plan. This strategic plan will be provided to the federal government.
- Discussion of the invitation for Iowa to be a user member of Project 25 of the Telecommunications Industry Association was continued. To be a user member, a board member must be physically present at a minimum of two out of four annual meetings and actively vote on issues. The cost of being a user member includes membership dues and travel, and is estimated to be approximately \$14,000. The Board voted to amend their budget accordingly and pursue this.

E911 Council Report. The following Council agenda items were addressed:

- The Council approved 34 PSAP (public safety answering point) grants in the amount of \$1.8 million. October 19 will be a training day held at Prairie Meadows.
- A public hearing will be held October 20 for feedback on new rules due to legislative changes.
- Three additional counties (Floyd, Mitchell, and Winneshiek) can now receive text to 911 transmissions, bringing the total counties with this capability to nine in the state. The process has been streamlined to inform wireless carriers when counties are ready to receive texts.

Finance Committee. The Committee reviewed SCRS trailer maintenance and settled on a budgeting amount of \$5,000 per trailer (total of three trailers). The final FY 2015 year-end report has been received from the Department of Public Safety. There is \$1.5 million remaining from the federal grant for broadband. The annual appropriation and FY 2015 remainder carryover equal \$258,000. Room for additional travel expenditures to be included for the Project 25 meetings would be available.

Governance Committee. The policy statement for public safety grade has been discussed, input was received, and Draft 5 will be posted to the ISICSB website for additional comment.

Interoperability Workshops. Upcoming workshops will be September 17 in Waterloo, September 30 in Ottumwa, October 13 in Creston, October 29 in Sioux City, and November 10 in Mason City. Board members are encouraged to attend at least one workshop. The goal is to have at least one representative from each county at the regional training.

Technology Committee. Policy for encryption technology for P25 is being drafted. Work is being done with the Chief Information Officer (CIO) on the Board webpage and streaming video according to CIO standards. The purchase of a camera and video camera is being carefully researched to find what meets all expectations and standards. It was brought up that there have been propagation problems with point to point and P25 signals bleeding over from Nebraska and Missouri. Counties that experience this issue will be consulted on a solution.

FirstNet Broadband Subcommittee. A public/private summit was held on August 13 to address questions and provide information on the process. One result of this summit is a statement advocating procurement at the State level for local vendors. Additional summits may be planned for this winter and next spring. FirstNet has been provided with asset maps, and the State would like to focus on areas that do not currently have coverage. Data gathering is coming along very well ahead of the September 30 deadline.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be October 14 at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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